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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiyy has called on the international community to adopt a five-point formula to achieve peace and security in the Ukraine-Russia war. In a pre-recorded video address to the United Nations general assembly, the Ukrainian president said the five points included punishment by a tribunal for crimes against humanity, crimes of aggression, protection of life, restoration of security and territorial integrity, security guarantees and the determination of Ukraine to continue defending itself.

**Ukrainian delegate** (accompanied by Olena Volodymyrivna Zelenska, First Lady of Ukraine and the wife of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy):

Mr President, I have the honour to introduce the pre-recorded statement by His Excellency, Mr Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine.

**President Zelenskyy:**

Greetings to all people of the World who value peace and unity between different and equal nations. I wish you all peace.

I thank you that we are united in our striving to restore peace and to guarantee peace for any nation that have become a victim of the armed aggression.

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A crime has been committed against Ukraine and we demand just punishment. The crime was committed against our state borders. The crime was committed against the lives of our people. The crime was committed against the Dignity of our women and men. The crime was committed against their values that make you and me a community of the United Nations, and Ukraine demands punishment for trying to steal our territory, punishment for the murders of thousands of people, punishment for tortures and humiliations of women and men, punishment for their catastrophic turbulence that Russia provoked with its illegal war and not only for us Ukrainians but for the whole World, for every nation that is represented in this Hall of the UN General Assembly.

I am speaking on behalf of the state which is forced to defend itself but has the formula for peace. I am speaking to everyone who wants to hear how to achieve peace.

I will present a formula that can work, not only for us but for everyone who may find themselves in similar circumstances as we did. It is a formula that punishes crime, protects life, restores security and territorial Integrity, guarantees security and provides determination. There are five preconditions for peace.

Dear Mr President of the General Assembly, dear Secretary General of the United Nations, dear heads of states and governments, dear journalists nations of the World, Ukraine wants peace, Europe wants peace, the World wants peace, and we have seen who is the only one who wants war.

There is only one entity among all UN member states who would say now if he could interrupt my speech that he is happy with this war, with his war! But we will not let this entity prevail over us, even though it is the largest state in the World.

Ukraine showed strength on the battlefield using its right to self-defence in accordance with article 51 of the UN Charter, and no one will reproach us now, or in the future, with weakness or inability to fight for ourselves, for our independence.

We are achieving a result in this fight and we see what the end of this war will be, and what will be the guarantees of a stable peace.

The UN Charter proclaims the equality of Nations, and we proved that Ukraine is equal among the equals. The UN Charter protects the inviolability of borders, and we can form our state borderline by expelling the occupiers outside. The UN Charter stipulates the value of Human Rights, dignity and life. And we also stipulate them with every Ukrainian city freed from Russian occupation.

We did not provoke this war. We held 88 rounds of talks in various formats to prevent this war, just from the beginning of my presidency until February 24 this year. But Russia, instead of stopping the crime of aggression, which it started back in [20 February] 2014, turned it into a full-scale invasion and we have no choice but to defend ourselves. We do it. We push the aggressor beyond the internationally recognised border of the Ukrainian state. And this is the first item of our peace formula, a comprehensive item: punishment. Punishment for the crime of aggression, punishment for violation of borders and territorial Integrity, punishment that must be in place until the internationally recognised border is restored, until the aggression stops, and until the damages and losses for the war are fully compensated.

Therefore, sanctions against the aggressor are part of the peace formula, blocking the trade and relations with the aggressor is a part of the peace formula, all this is a punishment so long as the aggressor is a party to decision making in the international organisation he must be isolated from them at least until aggression lasts: rejects the right to vote deprive delegation rights remove the right of Veto if it is a member of the UN Security Council in order to punish the aggressor within the institutions.

We should not turn a blind eye to propagandists who justify aggression but apply a full package of personal restriction against them. That is a punishment for lying. Citizens of the aggressor-state should not be allowed to enjoy tourism or shopping in the territory of those who value peace but should be encouraged through visa restrictions to fight against the aggression of their own state, punish for abetting the evil.

A special tribunal should be created to punish Russia for the crime of aggression against our state. This will become signal to all who would be aggressors that they must value peace or be brought to responsibility by the World.

We have prepared precise steps to establish such tribunal they will be presented to all states. Ukraine will appeal to the UN General Assembly to support an international compensation mechanism.

We count on your support. Russia should pay for this war with its assets. It is also a punishment. This is one of the most terrible punishments for Russian officials who value money above everything else.

The second item of the peace formula is the protection of life the most concrete item.

Now while the sessions of the General Assembly continue in the Ukrainian town of Izyum Park region the excavation is underway of bodies from a mass burial which happened when the territory was controlled by Russian troops, the

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bodies of women and men children and adults, civilians and soldiers, were found there -- 445 graves!

There is a family that died under the rubble of a house after a Russian airstrike. Father, mother, six and eight year old girls, grandparents.

There is a man who was strangled with a Rope.

There is a woman with broken ribs and wounds on her body.

There is a man who was castrated before the murder, and this is not the first case.

Ask, please, the representatives of Russia "Why the Russian military are so obsessed with castration? What was done to them so that they want to do this to others?"

The only thing that differs the mass burial in a Izyum from what the war saw in Bucha is in fact the burial the Russian army was in the Izyum for a longer time. And therefore, the bodies of the killed people were burned, and not scattered on the streets.

So, how can we allow the Russian army somewhere on Ukrainian soil knowing that they are committing such mass murders everywhere?

We cannot!

We must protect life. The World must protect life. Every state suffering the armed aggression needs the opportunity to protect its citizen and liberate its territory.

If it requires help with weapons or shells, they should be provided.

If you need it, financial help for this, it should be given.

If for this, it's necessary to have whether intelligence data just do it.

But what is not needed, is lies.

We can return the Ukrainian flag to our entire territory.

We can do it with the force of arms but we need time. We tried to speed it up.

We tried to implement the basic provisions of the UN Charter for Ukraine through negotiations but Russia is afraid of real negotiations and does not want

to fulfill any fair International obligations it lies to everyone, as it is typical for aggressors, for terrorists.

Even now when Russia talks about negotiations, it only wants to slow down its retreat. Russia wants to spend the winter on the occupied territory of Ukraine and prepare forces to attempt a new offensive, new Bucha's new Izyum's. Or at least, it wants to prepare fortifications on occupied land and carry out military mobilisation at home.

We cannot agree to a delayed War because it will be even hotter than the war now.

For us, this is a word for life. That is why we need defence support weapons, military equipment and shells, offensive weapons and long-range ones is enough to liberate Our Land, and defensive systems, above all, air defence. And we need financial support to keep internal stability, and fulfill social obligation to our people.

Physical and social protection are two elements of any nation's life.

So the second item of our peace formula is the protection of Life by all available means allowed by the UN Charter.

The third item of our peace formula is restoring security and territorial integrity. Look at how many elements of global security Russia has undermined with its War.

Maritime safety, food safety, radiation safety, energy safety, and safety from weapons of mass destruction.

We are already restoring Maritime safety and food security. And I thank Mr Antonio Gutierrez for his personal involvement.

Algeria, Ethiopia, Egypt, Libya, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, Bangladesh, Israel, India, Iran, Yemen, Cyprus, China, Korea, Lebanon, Turkey, Belgium, Bulgaria, Greece, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Netherlands, Germany, Romania, and France have already received Ukrainian agricultural products.

And we have to increase the supply by sea, both under market conditions and within the UN food programme for which Ukraine is always a reliable partner.

And, by the way, despite all the difficulties caused by the war, we decided to provide humanitarian aid to Ethiopia and Somalia. So, we will send them an additional amount of our wheat, but it is more difficult with other security elements on the eve of the General Assembly meeting, Russia fired missiles at the South Ukraine nuclear power plant. The explosion hit the station buildings,

windows were broken, walls were damaged. The Rockets exploded only 300 metres from the walls of the reactors.

And this is after the IAEA 's [the International Atomic Energy Agency's] clear appeal to Russia to stop any hostile activity against any nuclear facilities of Ukraine, and in particular against the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power station, the largest one in Europe, which Russia has turned into a Target and that makes all of you a Target.

Russian radiation blackmailing is something that should concern each and every one of you because none of you will find a vaccine against radiation sickness.

The cost of living crisis continues in dozens of countries. It rules in the destabilisation of the energy Market. It is necessary to remove the main factor of global price, turbulence, namely Russian energy blackmailing.

It is necessary to cap the prices at which Russia exports its energy resources. It is necessary to make Russian oil and gas just ordinary Goods again. Currently, oil and gas are Russia's energy weapons. And that is why it manipulates the markets so that electricity gas Petrol and Diesel become the privilege of you instead of being a common goods available to all.

Limiting prices is safeguarding the World.

This is the way to restore energy and price security. But will the World go for it?

Or will it be scared?

Will it be scared of Russian threats?

It is necessary to take only one strong step after which everything will become clear.

The time has come for this.

This step will put everything in place.

After the Russian missiles rule, after the massacres, after Mariupol, after the burning of the Ukrainian prisoners in Olenivka [prison massacre, July 29, 2022] by the Russian military, after blocking the force, after the strikes of the Russian tanks and missiles on nuclear power plants, and after threats to use nuclear weapon, which have become the rule, not the exception for Russian propagandists.

We must finally recognise Russia as a state that sponsors terrorism at all levels, in all countries that confess the values of peace and protection of human life, legally, politically. If you do not have a legal mechanism, you can make a political decision in the parliaments. This is the foundation for restoring global security.

If this strong step is taken, doubts will disappear whether to take other important steps. And what is very sensitive in the border the territorial Integrity. When one country tries to steal the territory of another state, it puts all of world nation under attack. Global Security cannot be restored without restoring that territorial Integrity of the nation which suffered the armed aggression.

So the third item of the Ukrainian peace formula is the restoration of security and territorial Integrity.

The fourth item is security guarantee. Every nation has the right to security guarantees not only the legislation not only the most fortunate ones.

We have proposals to upgrade the security architecture for Ukraine, and for Europe, and the World, which will not allow any more aggression against us. We are already presenting them to Partners proposals for legally binding multilateral and bilateral treaties.

These are the conditions for the guarantors to act and the timeline for their actions to bring results, results on land at Sea, and in the Air, in diplomacy and politics, in economy and finance, in providing weapons and intelligence.

Each of you who will receive the text of our peace formula. You will also see the details of what we offer as security guarantees.

I do not want to compare our offers with the guarantees of any alliances that exist on the planet now. I want to stress that it is always much better to guarantee the security of a Nation preventively rather than to stop a war after it has already begun.

And the fifth item of the Ukrainian peace formula is a determination, something without which the other four items will not work. This is our determination to fight. This is the determination of the partners to help us and also themselves. And this is the determination of the world to unite around the one who fights against armed aggression, and to call to order the one who threatens all.

So, all five items of our formula: punishment for aggression, protection of life, restoration of security and territorial Integrity, security guarantees, and determination to defend oneself.

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This is the formula of Crime and Punishment which is already well known to Russia and this is the formula of justice and Law and Order that Russia has yet to learn, as well as any, any potential aggressors.

What is not in our formula: neutrality. Those who speak of neutrality when human values and peace are under attack means something else. They talk about indifference, everyone for themselves! Here is what they say:

They pretend to be interested in each other's problems. They take care of each other formally, they sympathise only for protocol. And that is why they pretend to protect someone. But in reality, they protect only their vested interests. This is what creates the conditions for war. This is what needs to be corrected in order to create conditions for peace!

All you need is determination. There was a lot of talking about reforming the UN how did all, and no result!

If you look carefully at our peace formula, you will see that its implementation is already becoming a de facto reform of the United Nations. Our formula is universal and unites the North and the South of the World. It calls for the world's majority and encourages to expand the representation of those who remain unsure. It is an imbalance when Africa, Latin America, most of Asia Central and Eastern Europe comply with the right of Veto that they themselves never had.

And this is what Ukraine is talking about. And have you ever heard such words from Russia? But it is a permanent member of the security Council for some reason. For what reason? -- Not Japan or Brazil, not Turkey or India, not Germany or Ukraine. The day will come when this will be resolved.

As for the talks between Ukraine and Russia, probably you have happened to hear different Wars from Russia about the talks. As if they were ready for them. But they talk about the talks, but announce military mobilisation. They talk about the talks but announced pseudo-referendums in the occupied territories of Ukraine. What is true then? The military mobilisation in Russia is true.

Sham referendums are also true. Russia wants War it's true but Russia will not be able to stop the cause of history.

Mankind and international law are stronger than one terrorist State. Russia will be forced to end this war, the war it has started!

I rule out that the settlement can happen on a different basis than the Ukrainian peace formula. The further the Russian Terror reaches, the less likely it is that anyone in the World will agree to sit at one table with them.



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And if my words will be followed by new Russian missiles, and acts of terrorism, it will only prove their weakness, Russia's weakness, its inability to prevail over us, its inability to prevail over the World. It will only prove that the five items of the Ukrainian peace formula must be implemented as soon as possible.

We are ready for peace but true honest and fair peace that is why the world is on our side.

And finally I want to thank 101 countries that voted for my video address to take place. It was a vote not only about the format, it was a vote about principles. Only seven countries voted against: Belarus, Cuba, North Korea, Eritrea, Nicaragua, Russia, and Syria. Seven!

Seven who are afraid of the video address. Seven who respond to principles with a red button -- only seven! One hundred and one -- and seven!

Friends, if this coalition [of the 7] is against our determination then I congratulate you all. Because this means that peace will prevail over any aggression and that there is no obstacle for us to implement the peace formula.

I thank you, I thank you for your attention. Once again, I wish you all peace!  
Slava Ukraini!\*

(\* "Slava Ukraini!" or "Sláva Ukrayíni!" meaning "Glory to Ukraine!," is a Ukrainian national salute, known as a symbol of Ukrainian sovereignty and resistance and as the official salute of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The phrase "Slava Ukraini!" appeared in military formations during the Ukrainian War of Independence (from 1917 to 1921) against the Soviet Union. Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko used the phrase already in a 1860 poem.)

**UN General Assembly chair:** On behalf of the General Assembly, I wish to thank the President of Ukraine for his statement just made.

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